

**Process for production of polyimide powder, polyimide powder, polyimide powder molded bodies and process for their production**

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**Abstract**

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A process for production of polyimide powder, which comprises reacting a biphenyltetracarboxylic dianhydride and an aromatic diamine in an amide-based solvent optionally containing a water-soluble ketone, in the presence of an imidazole at 1-100 equivalent percent based on the carboxylic acid content of the polyimide precursor, separating and collecting the produced polyimide precursor powder from a water-soluble ketone solvent containing 3-30 wt % of an amide-based solvent, and heating the polyimide precursor powder to an imidation rate of 90% or greater, as well as polyimide powder obtained thereby, molded bodies of the polyimide powder, and a process for production of the molded bodies

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